

## RETIREMENT OF SENATOR NUNN

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I am honored to have served with our colleague from Georgia, Senator NUNN. He is an outstanding statesman and legislator, and I am saddened by his decision to end his distinguished career in the Senate.

I have had the privilege of serving with Senator NUNN during his entire 23 years in the Senate. He has been a thoughtful and skilled legislator whose wisdom and leadership have made large contributions to the country on a great variety of issues, especially in the area of national defense.

Senator NUNN is widely recognized as the Senate's preeminent voice on military issues, and that reputation is well deserved.

As a leading member of the Armed Services Committee throughout his Senate career, and as chairman of the committee for 8 years, from 1987 through 1994, he has displayed an unwavering commitment to the security of our country and to the men and women of our Armed Forces who provide it.

It would take hours to detail the many contributions that Senator NUNN has made to the national security of the United States. Let me cite just four of them. The first, most recently, was his effective intervention in Haiti a year ago. President Clinton had decided that United States forces should land in Haiti. The question was whether the landing would be welcomed, or opposed—would they land as friendly peacekeepers or hostile invaders.

At that critical moment in our recent history, Senator NUNN accompanied former President Carter and General Colin Powell on an extraordinary mission to Haiti to convince the dictators not to oppose the United States forces. Despite huge obstacles, Senator NUNN helped convince the dictators that a peaceful transition to democracy was the only realistic alternative to heavy bloodshed. Our forces landed in peace, and a year later, the first free elections have been held in Haiti. Senator NUNN helped make that peaceful transition possible, and deserves great credit for his role.

A second example was the Goldwater-Nichols legislation, enacted in 1986, which reformed the organization of the Defense Department more extensively than at any time since the creation of the Department after World War II. Senator NUNN was a leading figure in the development and implementation of this landmark legislation. It established the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as the principal military adviser to the President, and it strengthened the unified battlefield commands, giving them full control of our forces in the field. The success of the act was clearly demonstrated in Operation Desert Storm.

A third example of Senator NUNN's impressive leadership on national security issues was his successful defense of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. Sen-

ator NUNN understands the importance of America's maintaining the best armed, best trained, and best led forces in the world. But he also understands the importance of arms control to reduce the likelihood of conflict. His defense of the ABM Treaty was a prime example of his leadership on this all-important issue.

The Reagan administration sought to undermine the ABM Treaty in 1987 through a legal reinterpretation of the treaty text. SAM NUNN spent many hours going over the negotiating record of the treaty, reviewing in detail the issues raised by the administration. After careful deliberation, he concluded that the administration's case was wrong, and that the traditional interpretation of the treaty was correct. He went to work on the floor of the Senate and masterfully defended the treaty, upholding the Nation's solemn commitment to the treaty, the cornerstone of all nuclear arms agreements signed in the past 23 years.

A fourth example is Senator NUNN's understanding of the use of cooperation in reducing threats to national security through a program that bears his name. The cooperative threat reduction program between the United States and the nations of the former Soviet Union is known as the Nunn-Lugar program. Through these ongoing efforts, we are working with Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, and other Soviet successor nations to reduce and dismantle their nuclear weapons stockpiles and production capability, and to convert elements of their defense industry to commercial uses. This program is a major example of the opportunities for long-term peace and prosperity that the end of the cold war can mean for our country and our former adversaries.

Many other examples of Senator NUNN's wise and conscientious leadership can be cited. We all know that we have the strongest and most effective military forces in the world today, and that achievement is due in no small part to the brilliant work of Senator NUNN.

It has been an honor to serve with him on the Armed Services Committee. We will miss him, and the Senate and the Nation will miss his leadership, his statesmanship, and most of all his friendship. As he made clear in his statement earlier this week, he is committed to continuing his service to Georgia and the country and the world in other ways in the years ahead. I know I join all my colleagues in wishing him a long and happy and productive career beyond the Senate.

#### WORLD POPULATION AWARENESS WEEK

Mr. BUMPERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following proclamation be inserted in the RECORD. The proclamation was signed by Gov. Jim Guy Tucker and designates October 21-29, 1995, as World

Population Awareness Week in the State of Arkansas. This proclamation is part of a worldwide effort to implement recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo last year.

It is clear that we are facing a population crisis. We now live in a world of 5.7 billion people, a population that grew by nearly 100 million last year, the largest annual increase ever recorded. Unemployment in many developing countries is as high as 30 percent, and to accommodate their growing populations, the nations of the world will have to produce 500 million new jobs by the year 2000.

The world's resources cannot accommodate continuing growth at the current rate. More than 1.7 billion people, nearly one-third of the world population, lack an adequate supply of drinking water, and 26 billions tons of arable topsoil vanish from the world's croplands every year. At least 65 countries that depend on subsistence farming may be unable to feed their populations by the year 2000.

Time is a luxury we do not enjoy. Action is required now to ensure a reasonable quality of life and a stable and secure world for a child born today. I applaud the action of Governor Tucker and other officials of government and private organizations who are working to increase awareness of this problem and encourage the actions necessary to resolve it.

There being no objection, the proclamation was ordered to printed in the RECORD, as follows:

#### STATE OF ARKANSAS, PROCLAMATION TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME—GREETINGS

Whereas, the world population is currently 5.7 billion and increasing by nearly 100 million per year, with virtually all of this growth added to the poorest countries and regions—those that can least afford to accommodate their current populations, much less such massive infusions of human numbers; and

Whereas, the annual increment to world population is projected to exceed 86 million through the year 2015, with three billion people—the equivalent of the entire world population as recently as 1960—reaching their reproductive years within the next generation; and

Whereas, the environmental and economic impacts of this level of growth will almost certainly prevent inhabitant of poorer countries from improving their quality of life, and at the same time, have deleterious repercussions for the standard of living in more affluent regions; and

Whereas, the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo, Egypt crafted a 20-year Program of Action for achieving a more equitable balance between the world's population, environment and resources that was duly approved by 180 nations, including the United States;

Now, Therefore, I, Jim Guy Tucker, Governor of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim October 22-29, 1995, as, World Population Awareness Week, in the State of Arkansas and urge all citizens of the state to support the purpose and the spirit of the Cairo Program of Action, and call upon all governments and private organizations to do their utmost to implement that document,